



Hill health clinic ready

Policy meet slated

Junior High boundaries set

Boundaries and feeder patterns for the new Potrero Hill Junior High School, which will open in February 1971, were announced by the School District last week.

The school will open with a limited enrollment of 270 second semester seventh grade students from Starr King, Daniel Webster, I. M. Scott, Bryant, Patrick Henry, and Buena Vista. Some 120 students will be bused in on a one-term only basis.

Racial balance during the opening semester will be approximately 44 per cent Black, 26 per cent Latino, and 22 per cent White, the School District reports.

By Fall, 1971, the Potrero school will also receive students from Bessie Carmichael and Treasure Island to bring total enrollment to 660. Full enrollment, nearly 1,000 students, will not be achieved until Fall, 1972, according to the current timetable.

All present eighth and ninth graders living in the district will continue to attend their current junior high school.

As yet, no principal has been named for the new school, nor have policies concerning staff and special programs been determined.

These questions will be discussed at a public meeting, Friday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m., at Daniel Webster School, 465 Missouri St. Dr. Ralph Kauer, assistant superintendent of schools, will describe school plans and answer questions. Organ-

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Some claim the OECA is also trying to gain control of the Neighborhood House, which is a Presbyterian agency.

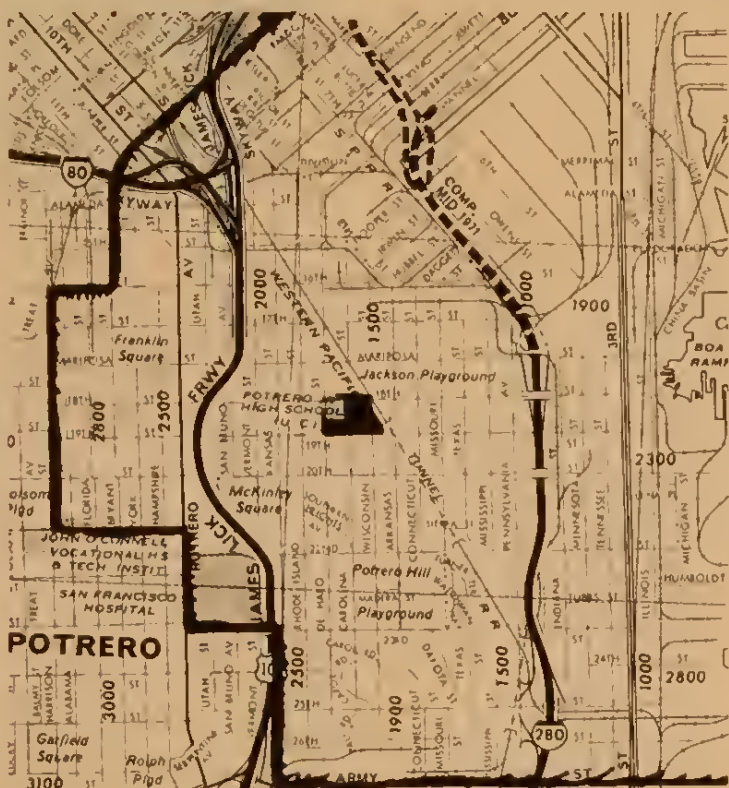
Turner pointed out that the OECA decision to keep Olivet open is a "programmatic one."

The question of whether Olivet remains a "church" in the ecclesiastical sense is up to the Presbytery of San Francisco. No matter what that body decides, Turner said his office will seek funds (approximately \$9,000) to continue Ms. Maxwell's salary and maintain the building.

However, he noted that the Presbytery's decision on whether to leave Olivet a "church" or make it some other sort of institution would affect his office's ability to secure funds. The matter is not currently under consideration by the Presbytery, but Turner said, "They are asking questions."

Turner defended the OECA study committee. He pointed out that the office was given jurisdiction over Olivet after the

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Heavy black line indicates Potrero Hill Junior High School boundaries released last week by the School District. For list of feeder schools see back page.

Shore plans vary

Will public win access to Bay?

The State Division of Highways has been given permission to fill part of China Basin Channel between Third and Sixth Streets by the Bay Conservation and Development Committee.

Efforts are under way to guarantee a 10 foot wide public recreation area between the northern side of the water's edge and the new freeway, but such plans are being opposed by Southern Pacific Railroad which owns the land.

B. F. Biaggini, Southern Pacific president, claims public access is already available at fourth, fifth and sixth streets. His definition of access is disputed by the waterfront committee of the Potrero Hill Residents

and Homeowner's Council, who charge that only the most hearty and agile of citizens could get down to the water's edge at these points.

When asked for help in making now idle railroad land open to public use, Biaggini said: "... Tracks which are to be relocated by the freeway project will be very close to the bank of the channel. Heavy truck usage will cover the balance of the area... Any effort to reconcile these activities with public use would invite serious safety hazards to the public..."

Although the recreation strip would be financed by either city or highway beautification funds and the highway department is paying Southern Pacific for the use of its air rights, the railroad refuses to grant public access because it "would conflict with industrial use."

Supporters of the waterfront recreation proposal are investigating the possibility of bringing suit against Southern Pacific to force the company to provide access.

Meanwhile, the city Port (Continued on back page.)

Boosters mad over mental aid

A neighborhood mental health clinic is set to open at 1624 20th St., between Connecticut and Arkansas Streets, as soon as the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors approves a lease negotiated by the Mission Mental Health Center.

The Potrero clinic would provide family counseling, group therapy and individual therapy for children and adults. No drug addiction or alcoholism cases would be treated.

The program has already been voted on and passed by the full Board of Supervisors and endorsed by most Hill organizations. Funds have been granted. A fully licensed medical staff has been hired.

Lease approval, which would usually be a minor technicality, has been delayed in the Finance Committee because of lobbying by the Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants Association, who oppose the clinic.

If finance committee members Robert Mendelsohn, Terry Francois and Dorothy von Beroldingen continue to postpone action on the lease, months of negotiations will go down the drain, according to Dr. Gilbert Weisman, clinic director.

The owner of the property, Dr. George Roth, cannot keep it vacant indefinitely, Dr. Weisman said. "The Boosters are well aware of this and are counting on it to block the clinic proposal."

If the Supervisors acquiesce to this tactic, they will be ignoring the wishes of the following Hill organizations which have expressed support for the clinic:

Potrero Hill Residents and Homeowners Council, Citizens Improvement Association, Latinos de Potrero Hill, Neighbor-

S F School chief to visit hill

Dr. Thomas Shaheen, superintendent of the San Francisco Unified School District, will speak at Starr King School, 1215 Carolina St., Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m.

His talk will be followed by a potluck dinner and a talent show featuring parents and children of Starr King.

Parking is available on the Wisconsin Street side of the school.



City Water Department workers replace old water lines on a Potrero Hill street. (see story on page 3)

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Focal point

Get it together

Rev. Governor Johnson

Most residents of San Francisco have heard of Potrero Hill at one time or another. Ken Washington of Grove Street at least knows that "Potrero Hill is in the City." Ms. Pecolia Johnson, a former resident of the Potrero Projects, says, "It was a place to stay." Ms. Annie Fortenberry, who lives elsewhere, sees the Hill as a "place of sunshine and very interesting people."

Many identify the Hill with the projects located on Connecticut, Dakota or Wisconsin Streets. Generally, the Hill is defined as all the territory between Potrero and Third Streets and 16th and Army Streets.

The beautiful San Francisco is composed of a multitude of high places. Outstanding among these are: Twin Peaks, Mt. Davidson, Mt. Sutro, Telegraph Hill, Nob Hill and, last but not least, Potrero Hill. Tourists might not be brought to Potrero Hill to get a good view of "the City by the Bay." But if they were, they would see that the residents take time to say, "Hi there!" and even smile.

To avoid a decline and fall like Rome (the city on seven hills), the residents of Potrero Hill are joining together and standing united for working progress. There are many Hill organizations working diligently to make the rest of the City more sensitive to the needs up here. Let it be understood that there is a great desire for self-help programs. The people up here are interested in making themselves a functioning part of San Francisco. The first step is to become a functioning and productive neighborhood.

Unfortunately, all is not beautiful on our Hill. Scores of houses, flats, apartments and projects stand in serious need of landlord and tenant attention.

In addition, many of our neighbors need mental and spiritual help. They need repair from despair, complacency, anxiety and a feeling of neglect. Some need deliverance from alcoholism, marijuana, LSD, pills and heroin. The use of dope has not made any contribution to the residents of Potrero Hill.

Constructive programs are continuously being experimented with by the Brotherhood, Neighborhood House, Community Improvement Association, Potrero Hill Recreation Center, New Society Youth Club, local churches and others. These organizations are dedicated to helping Potrero Hill residents live in harmony.

THE POTRERO VIEW is also dedicated to bringing people together through exchanging information.

Hills and Dales

Health clinic

Bill Dawson

A mental health clinic is scheduled to open on the Hill. Funds have been allocated to this area to provide family counseling, group therapy and individual help in coping with pressures which appear beyond understanding to a great many people.

We have a unique opportunity to qualify for a mental health clinic within our neighborhood. This would provide counseling for people having trouble adjusting to themselves, their children, or their environment. The clinic would be a boon to an awful lot of people.

Although the mental health program has been endorsed by three churches (Baptist, Catholic, and Presbyterian), three schools, and nine Hill organizations, the Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants Association saw fit to register a protest at City Hall. They oppose the mental health clinic, as they have in the past opposed drug clinic proposals.

This organization, which seems dedicated to the demise of all programs not gauged to the personal needs of its members, is headed by a realtor whose chief interest is property value. It seems completely evident that he could care less about people's needs.

If you plant a tree in the neighborhood, the realtor will provide a house you can put it before. However, if you try to put something in that house to benefit the neighborhood, he calls upon his association to block it.

"Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants Association" is an amazing title. Who are they boosting, and where?

I, for one, would like to see this organization sponsor an activity that was directed not to property value but to human need. If that happens, I know at least one person who would reconsider his opinion of the Boosters and who would be willing to give any credit where it might be due.



Neighborhood Thanksgiving feast

Family School children and their parents enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner at the Neighborhood House. Another 80 Hill fam-

ilies enjoyed turkey Thanksgiving Day thanks to the efforts of the Potrero Hill Youth Council which distributed 80 birds.

Calendar of Hill Events

NEW SOCIETY

The New Society Youth Club, 400 Missouri St., is open nightly from 5 to 10 p.m. for recreation, including dancing, pool, pingpong and table games. Dances are held Friday and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m.

Youth counseling regarding school and Youth Guidance problems and employment referral is available Monday through Thursday

Wisconsin committee still stymied

No progress has been made on proposals to develop new housing on the Wisconsin War Housing Site.

The Potrero Hill Steering Committee has not met since last month when three organizations -- The Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants Association, the Russian Molo-kan Group and the Slovenian Hall Association -- walked out of the meeting. They say they will not participate until the eight-organization committee is reorganized.

At press time, the Mayor's Office had scheduled no new meeting to discuss housing proposals submitted by Catholic Social Services of San Francisco and San Francisco Urban Investments, Inc.

Head Start pupils sought

There are currently nine openings in the Olivet Presbyterian Church Head Start program. Children who were born between December 3, 1965, and December 2, 1966, and who live in the Potrero Hill district are eligible. Income requirements will be discussed privately.

Parents interested in enrolling their child in the program should get applications from Naomi Nishioka, Mission Head Start social worker, phone 824-2626.

from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Classes in African arts will open Dec. 15. The schedule is as follows:

Latin and African drums Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.; tiki and wood carving, Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.; sewing, Saturdays, beginning at 3:30 p.m.; Swahili, Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Church services are conducted Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon.

Young people who want more information about the program may call Mojo Tubutu, Dorothy Rodgers or May Brown at 282-8065.

CITIZENS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Citizens Improvement Association meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Housing Authority office, 1095 Connecticut St.

ST. STEPHEN'S

St. Stephen's Church, 800 22nd St., will celebrate homecoming day, Sunday, Dec. 6. The installation of officers for 1971 will take place at 5 p.m.

The church's annual Christmas program will be held at 5 p.m., Dec. 20.

COMMUNITY ACTION

The Community Action Committee will meet tonight, Dec. 1, and Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St. Chairman May Brown invites all Hill organizations to contribute suggestions for needed Hill programs.

OLIVET

Olivet Presbyterian Church, 400 Missouri St., will hold a dinner meeting, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. All residents are invited.

STARR KING

Starr King School, 1215 Carolina St., is sponsoring a series of informal coffee hours for parents and teachers during December. Parents of third graders will meet Dec. 3 at 2:45 p.m.; fourth graders, Dec. 8 at 3:20 p.m.; and fifth and sixth graders, Dec. 10 at 3:20 p.m.

DANIEL WEBSTER & I. M. SCOTT

Daniel Webster-I. M. Scott PTA will meet Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium, 465 Missouri St., for its annual Christmas program.

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Hill talent explores film art

Potrero Hill resident Phil Makanna's enigmatic film, "Battery Davis", was shown to the public last month over KQED-TV and at the San Francisco Art Institute. This unusual film's producer, John Coney of KQED, is a longtime resident of Potrero Hill and a member of the board of directors of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

The film depicts a group of men living as if they were in some purgatory or hell, doomed to play themselves for eternity in the company of faceless, black suited, robot-like denizens of the nether regions.

The film concentrates on two characters, an ambitious flamboyant individual portrayed by Ed Nylund and a restrained introspective highly ordered intellectual type played by Richard Reineccius.

As we follow these men through the creeping "petty pace" of their existence and wonder how they got where they are, we can only infer that these men, or all men, live out their lives carrying their own hell within, polluting the world with evil. A message seems to be that men cannot change and all is meaningless.

"Battery Davis" is a heavy intellectual film, lightened only by its fine visual quality. Makanna and his photographer, Emiko Omori, manage to make each location take on an extra dimension or superreality. The use of infra-red film in the last sequence is beautiful and exciting.

Unfortunately, the TV screen did not do justice to the film's beauty nor to the sound track, which came over muddled and unclear at times. This, coupled with the excessive

Planning funds delayed

CAC rejects Central City offer

Potrero Hill's poverty agency, the Community Action Committee, is still awaiting final approval by the Office of Economic Opportunity of a \$22,000 planning grant.

Rita Steward of the budget department of San Francisco Economic Opportunity Council, which approved the reduced grant down from \$29,000 last month, had no explanation for the delay.

Since the official EOC deadline for program proposals is set for December 12, and all jobs must be publicly advertised for 15 days before they are filled, CAC appears to be caught in a time squeeze.

The grant money is to pay 12 salaries and run to the end of the current OEO planning period, which ends January 31.

Anticipating approval of the planning grant, CAC filled a number of vacancies on its personnel and program committees and began

preparation of "programs."

While local leaders discussed programs to submit to SFEOC, leaders of Central City EOC, the target area of which Potrero Hill is officially a part, sought Hill participation in Central City's poverty effort.

Initial success, a unanimous CAC vote to participate in the program and send four members to the Central City board, was reversed after a tumultuous community meeting at Starr King School.

Some Hill leaders charged that Central City was trying "to take over Potrero Hill's program." Distrust was evident be-

Garbage calls up

Garbage collection at the Potrero Terrace housing projects has been increased from two to three times per week because of the efforts of the Citizens Improvement Association.

A robot-like masked denizen from the nether regions.

length of verbal passages has led to criticism of the film. When asked about this, Makanna admitted that people have "trouble confronting words." He feels that a lot of people only want films "pumped out of the belly." But what

Stained glass class offered

Potrero Hill painter Marvin Mund is conducting workshop classes in the art of making stained glass windows.

Based here on the Hill at the old Generator Exchange Building, 2025 17th St., the classes are given under the auspices of the University of California Extension Center.

The classes, which are held two evenings a week, are open to anyone interested. Registration begins Dec. 1, for the upcoming winter quarter starting in January.

Mund guarantees that anyone enrolling in the course will be able to produce a stained glass window at the end of eight weeks.

For more information on registration dates, class time and fees, contact the UC Extension Center, 65 Laguna St., phone 861-6833.

happens, he says, is that we "cut our heads out of the process." Makanna is not willing to sacrifice that part of the body just yet.

The ex-sculptor and painter is currently head of the Experimental TV Project of the Media Center at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. He gave up sculpting and painting to become involved in the "living art" of making films. He says he got tired of talking to himself.

Producer Coney thinks of "Battery Davis" as part of the new genre of films that stand by themselves as works of art. He says that "Battery Davis" has been entered in all upcoming European film festivals, including Cannes, and is entered in next year's San Francisco Film Festival as well.

Makanna is already starting work on a new film, tentatively titled "The Rose Terrace", which will be an absurd treatment of some of the same themes explored in "Battery Davis", which Makanna considers a "dank film that took itself a little too seriously." He hopes to use clowns and a circus atmosphere next time and will be shooting in such unlikely places as Hoover Dam and the Great Salt Lake.

Julian's "Killer" on stage

Small theaters test any production severely. While little separates the audience from the power of the drama, flaws are also exposed.

Several actors in "The Killer With No Motive" gave outstanding performances. Bob Lashbrook, portrayed the killer brilliantly. Both his timing and his control of facial and body motions were excellent. Malcolm Gray and Gene Mabrey were also impressive.

Despite the skill of the actors, the production lacked cohesion. Too often, the absurdity, which Ionesco intended, degenerates into mere confusion. The play itself is partially to blame, but the director did little to strengthen the play's flaws.

Staging was particularly weak. There was no division between the audience and the stage. This type of seating can work well when the play is designed to emotionally involve the audience. But Ionesco's characters are caricatures and mouthpieces. Involvement with absurdity is intellectual, not emotional. The clarity and perfect rationality of Ionesco's absurd situation should have

Leaky water mains subject to pressure

The Water Department is digging in to give Potrero Hill cleaner drinking water and greater pressure. (see photo on page one.)

Metal pipes which run from street water mains to private water meters are being replaced with high-density plastic.

The project, which has been under way on the Hill for almost two months, will not be completed until February.

Julian Bardoff, principal engineer for the San Francisco Water Department, explained that not all services are being replaced at this time.

"We are replacing pipes which have a history of leaking or which, because of their age, are likely to begin leaking soon."

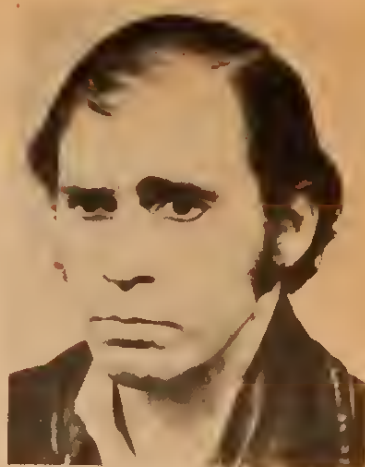
Pipes which were installed prior to 40 or 50 years ago are iron and corrode when exposed to moisture. Newer copper pipes are not being replaced at the present time.

Showcase for local craftsmen

"Jomama's House", an arts and crafts shop, has opened at 1319 18th Street. According to the shop's proprietor, Stephen Anadon, handcrafted items are being sold on a consignment basis.

Anadon is hoping to provide a retail outlet and gallery for local artists and craftsmen.

Currently on display are block prints by Judith Richardson Gans. Hill artists and craftsmen should contact Anadon at the store between 3 and 9 p.m. or call him at 861-3048.



Malcolm Gray as Berenger

been seen at a distance. Brought too close, many scenes simply resembled a circus.

In the final scene, the focus missing in most of the play is achieved. Ionesco's argument that life is totally absurd is delivered, powerfully and unmistakably. Berenger, alone on a dark stage, lit only by flashlights, threatening and pleading with the unseen killer, is, by himself, worth the price of admission.

"The Killer With No Motive" is being performed Thursdays through Saturdays until December 19 at the Julian Theatre, 953 DeHaro Street at the corner of Southern Heights. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 general and \$1.50 for students, welfare recipients and the unemployed. For further information call 285-5768 or 647-8098.

"When the project is completed residents should notice they are getting cleaner water and improved pressure," Bardoff said.

The digging is being done by the Oakland firm of Maguire and Hester. Their bid was for 700 services, 300 of which have now been completed.

The cost to the City for each service replacement is approximately \$150.

Residents who have questions concerning this project may call the Water Department at 558-5081.

Sourdough starts on Potrero

Sourdough Jack's Country Kitchen shares the second floor of the Robert Johnson Plumbing Company at 603 Tennessee Street. Jack Mabee, owner, is a former undersecretary in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and an authority on Alaska.

He is also something of an authority on sourdough starter, since he has the distinction of being the only manufacturer and distributor of dry sourdough starter in the country. In addition, he publishes a sourdough cookbook, which has recently come out in an expanded second edition.

But don't rush down to Tennessee Street now to load up for the holidays because the Country Kitchen is the packing and printing office and not a retail outlet. Starter, crocks and cookbooks are available however, in many San Francisco stores.



Dr. Gilbert Weisman stands in front of the Mental Health Clinic building at 1624 20th Street.

Potrero Junior High

School policy meeting

(Continued from page 1.) izers anticipate a large turn out.

This will be the first community meeting on school plans, although construction of the new school was approved in 1964.

Kauer acknowledged that the only local organization to be consulted on how the school will be set up and run has been the Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants Association.

Members of the Boosters' school committee, headed by Ms. Babette Drefke, have met with school officials on several occasions to discuss such matters as school boundaries and building progress.

School District information officer, Hugh Wire, said this limited community involvement was due to the failure of other groups to come forward with their views.

Friday's belated open meeting was set up by an inter-agency committee led by Ms. Enola Maxwell.

Some of the questions likely to be raised include the issue of racial balance, which could be difficult to maintain, given the current boundaries (see map) and projected feeder patterns (see chart).

Present plans call for at least one-third of the student body to be composed of youngsters from Treasure Island, who now attend class in barracks-like compounds.

Ms. Drefke, who says, "We do not intend this to be a ghetto school," refused to discuss the school project when queried by THE VIEW.

Although she has met frequently with school officials to discuss the junior high school, Ms. Drefke denied any knowledge of school plans.

The school stands on the former site of the Carolina Housing Project, at 18th and DeHaro Streets. The housing units were torn down in 1967 at the insistence of the Boosters Association, according to Fred Threefoot, who is in charge of rentals for the City Housing Authority.

"The Boosters told us a school was needed more than public housing," Threefoot said.

Potrero Hill	S'71	Fall '71	Fall '72
feeder schools:			
Starr King	41(HM)	45	61
Buena Vista	4(HM)	7	6
Patrick Henry	20(EV)	24	29
Daniel Webster	48(EV)	47	57
I. M. Scott	16(EV)	18	15
Bryant	21(HM)	37	36
B. Carmichael	-	15	11
Paul Revere	120(VVS)		

The above chart shows the elementary school to be serviced by the new school. Students entering in S'71 will be transferred from Everett(EV)and Horace Mann(HM)

Lease delay tactic jeopardizes clinic

(Continued from page 1.) hood House, New Society Youth Club, The Brotherhood, Inter-agency Committee, Community Action Committee.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church, Rev. Peter Sammon, pastor; Olivet Presbyterian Church, Rev. Enola Maxwell; St. Stephan's Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Governor Johnson; Starr King School,

Gloria Strauss, principal; Patrick Henry School, Duncan Hodell, principal, and Daniel Webster School, James Suseoff, principal.

The mental health clinic proposal has also been endorsed by Arthur Brown, manager, Potrero Terrace Project, and Sheila Davis, head teacher, Family School.

Potrero Hill was selected as a site for a local clinic because in the past year 300 Hill residents have availed themselves of the services rendered by the Mission Mental Health Center through the limited facilities of San Francisco General Hospital.

Dr. Weisman points out that the whole concept of community medicine is preventative in nature. "People will come to a neighborhood clinic when their emotional disorder is in the problem stage and most amenable to treatment. By the time a patient goes to SF General, he is often in an advanced state of mental illness."

Clinic facilities would be open to residents only. A staff of four would be available on a daily basis, with the remaining nine staff members on call.

Cost to patients would be based on income, and would range from free service to \$22 per hour.

Shoreline plans to be aired

(Continued from page 1.) Authority has filed an application with BCDC requesting permission to fill two and one-third acres of the Bay and remove 100 feet of shoreline between 20th and 22nd Streets.

Port spokesmen admit that their plans would eliminate all public access to the waterfront at these points, but justify this on the grounds that new access would be provided at piers 70 and 72 near 24th Street.

The foot of 24th Street is now the site of Warm Water Cove, a popular fishing spot. Rather than improve access here, port plans would actually limit the Cove's view of the Bay by extending a pier between the shoreline and the open water.

The Homeowners Council will oppose the port plan when it comes up for further hearing at BCDC. Although the issue is on the agenda for Dec. 3, it is expected to be postponed to allow full discussion of the Ferry Port Plaza proposal, also scheduled to be heard on that date.

The Council's own waterfront plan is now under study by various planning agencies, and has received support from a score of Supervisors and conservationists.

Holly ghost

While you may be aware that holly is a symbol for immortality, did you know that in some countries it is believed to be effective in warding off witches?

The California Division of Highways managed to sell another house on Pennsylvania Street.

Leonard Baer of San Rafael was the sole bidder on the singlefamily residence at 485 Pennsylvania Street. He purchased it for \$20,000, the minimum acceptable bid.

The sale left Ms. Lula McBride's future uncertain. She and her family of five have been residing at number 485 since February, 1968, renting the premises from the highway division at \$120 per month. The family's only income is \$300 a month in welfare payments-not enough to meet the inflated rents of private housing. Ms. McBride fears she and her



Ms. Lula McBride and her family of five face the threat of eviction as early as January. Their house, at 485 Pennsylvania Street was recently sold in a public auction to one Leonard Baer of San Rafael.

Church group OK's Olivet continuation

(Continued from page 1.) Synod of the Golden Gate's On-going Projects Committee recommended, last December, that Olivet funding be halted in May, 1970.

After reviewing the situation OECA decided that the Olivet ministry was "too patternistic; too dependent on downtown funds." It, therefore, set up a committee to study Olivet and make recommendations for its reorganization.

Turner claims that Ms. Maxwell participated in this decision and agreed to the composition of the committee and its task, "to seek ways to remake the church into a community supported institution, even if that meant closing the building and setting up something new."

The committee included two members from Potrero Hill named by Ms. Maxwell: Rita Papini and Judy Holstead.

When it became known that the committee was considering the closure of the church and sale of the land, the current controversy erupted.

Ms. Maxwell charged that the OECA committee "concentrated on evaluating traditional church functions" and failed to study Potrero Hill and the type of ministry needed here.

She accused THE VIEW of "irresponsible reporting" because of our November story, which described the move to close Olivet and the pressures

brought to bear to prevent such action.

Ms. Maxwell refused to comment on the OECA committee evaluations. "I don't know anything about it," she said.

Ms. Papini, a study committee member appointed by Ms. Maxwell, admitted "I never considered myself a regular member of the committee, and what I did say at the few meetings I attended apparently wasn't taken into consideration."

Ms. Papini alleged that another member of the committee confided in her that the committee's purpose was to dump Ms. Maxwell. "The Church is uptight about the work she is doing in the community."

Ms. Papini was pleased with at least one aspect of the controversy. "The threat to Olivet finally brought this community together, so now maybe we can get some of the programs we need so badly, which eluded us when we were disunited," she said.

The church is now the site of biweekly community meetings at which information on various projects is related to a broad spectrum of Hill residents. Organizers hope these meetings will be the beginning of a concerted effort by Potrero Hill residents to improve the quality of community life.

The OECA, according to Turner, has no meetings slated to discuss the Olivet situation any further at this time.

Pennsylvania homes auctioned

family will have to return to public housing.

It was rumored last January that the Division of Highways planned to sell its Pennsylvania Street property to the Housing Authority for a minimal sum. Opponents of public housing managed to get the highway department to abandon this plan and revert to public auction sale to private parties.

The Pennsylvania Street houses were purchased by the Division of Highways after construction of the Southern Embarcadero Freeway created a slide area in 1967.

To date the state has managed to sell nine of the homes between 18th and 20th Streets.